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3 A. Subsequent Processing Developments

Because of the very nature of the material it handled, GR had to use a manual approach to its storage and retrieval problems. This factor, together with an inadequate number of staff and the growing volume of receipts that far exceeded GR processing capabilities, led to an ever-mounting backlog. The situation was not different than that in the other OCR Divisions, all of whom were searching for ways to harness automation to help reduce the backlogs and improve servicing time. During FY1959 OCR began a CODIB-sponsored review of photographic processing priorities since these were felt to be a community problem as well, but the prospects for a solution were not promising. GR resources were already concentrated heavily on Soviet bloc countries. No concrete results of successful measures initiated by COBIB-are to be found, so OCR had to look to its our resources.